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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 13, 1922

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Executive Committee of the American Society of International Law met at No. 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C. at ten a.m., Friday, January 13, 1922.

Present:

Mr. Charles Henry Butler

Mr. James Brown Scott

Mr. David Jayne Hill

Mr. George G. Wilson

Mr. George A. Finch, the Assistant Secretary, was also in attendance.

Letters of regret were presented from Messrs. John W. Davis, George Gray, Jackson H. Ralston and Oscar S. Straus.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Chandler P. Anderson and Mr. Elihu Root had telephoned their inability to be present because of official engagements.

Upon motion Mr. David Jayne Hill was elected temporary chairman.

The Secretary stated that, pursuant to the call for the meeting, its purpose was to consider what arrangements should be made for the publication of the *American Journal of International Law*, the contract with the present publishers having expired on December 31, 1921. He laid before the Committee a letter of December 28, 1921 from the Oxford University Press, American Branch, the present publishers, stating their inability to renew the contract on the present terms and suggesting that the membership dues and subscription price be increased to \$7.50 a year in order to provide sufficient income to meet the cost of publication. The Secretary further reported that upon receipt of this communication he had invited Messrs. Ginn and Company of Boston, to submit a proposal for publishing the *Journal* and had requested estimates for printing the *Journal* from the following printing houses: Byron S. Adams, Gibson Brothers, and Judd and Detweiler, of Washington, D.C.; The Condé Nast Press, of Greenwich, Conn.; The Industrial Printing Company, of Baltimore, Maryland; and The Rumford Press, of Concord, New Hampshire. He laid before the Committee a telegram from Messrs. Ginn and Company, stating that they had discontinued handling periodicals and he reported that no estimates had been received from Judd and Detweiler and the Industrial Printing Company. Estimates from Byron S. Adams, the Condé Nast Press, Gibson Brothers and The Rumford Press were laid before the Committee, from which it appeared that the Society could publish the *Journal* at a printing cost of approximately \$5000 per year.

After carefully considering the estimates and the additional expense which would be incurred by the Society acting as its own publisher, the Committee decided that it would not raise the dues and subscription fees in order to renew the publishing arrangement with the Oxford University Press, and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee, having received bids from Byron S. Adams, The Condé Nast Press, Gibson Brothers and The Rumford Press for the printing of the *American Journal of International Law*, a Committee of three, consisting of the President, the Treasurer and the Editor-in-Chief, be and it is hereby appointed and authorized to enter into a contract for the printing of the *Journal* during the coming year with whichever of the foregoing firms whose terms seem to the committee most advantageous to the Society.

The Assistant Secretary then stated that the additional work which will be thrown upon his office by reason of the taking over of the publication of the *Journal* by the Society would not require any additional funds for salaries, but he suggested that the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee on January 24, 1920 (Proceedings, p. 39), authorizing the Editor-in-Chief and Recording Secretary to employ a clerk to devote her full time to the work of the Society and *Journal*, be amended so as to authorize the employment of clerical assistance on partial time at proportionate rates. He stated that since the completion of the cumulative index there had not been sufficient work to keep a clerk employed on full time and that a clerk had accordingly been employed on half time at half rates. The Committee adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Editor-in-Chief and Recording Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ clerical assistance, including proofreading, at a rate of not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per month for full time, for such proportionate time as has been or shall be needed.

The Assistant Secretary then reported that the new arrangement would also throw additional work upon the Treasurer's office and that the Treasurer had requested authority to expend not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum. The Committee adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee hereby authorizes the Treasurer to expend not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) per annum additional for clerical assistance, if needed, to meet the increased work by reason of the publication of the *Journal* by the Society.

The Assistant Secretary then reported that he had learned that the Washington News Exchange had on hand a supply of back numbers of the *Journal* and *Proceedings* amounting to twenty copies of the *Journal*, sixteen copies of the *Supplement*, and six copies of the *Proceedings*, which they have offered to the Society for thirty dollars, and he recommended that, in view

of the scarcity of back numbers, the Society purchase these copies. The Committee approved the recommendation and authorized their purchase at not to exceed the sum of thirty dollars.

Whereupon, the Committee, at 11:15 o'clock a.m., adjourned.

DAVID JAYNE HILL,
Temporary Chairman.

JAMES BROWN SCOTT,
Recording Secretary.